Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Only regarding the educational concessions, the rule has been changed. So far as the depresaed classes in Travancore are concerned, they have passed a very complicated rule which I cannot understand. For the sake of communal friendship, amity and progress, let us go back to our old custom. The House may consider this question in a very unbiassed way.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I rise to support the motion for grant. Though I agree fully with most of what Mr. Moothedan has been saying, I do not think it necessary to withhold this grant, because the question of continuing of the concessions used to be given before, has not yet been decided. Mr. Devassy has tabled a resolution in this House which is coming up for discussion probably today or tomorrow. That occasion can be taken by this House and also by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi to discuss this at fuller length. I may also add that the previous President of this House, I mean Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetti, in his reply given to a question of mine on the 3rd April 1941, has said that the matter will be re-considered again in the light of a special resolution of this House. I will quote the very words of his—"If the House passed a judgment on that certainly Government will consider that." This matter may better be taken up in view of the ruling of a late President that that may be considered at a full-fledged debate emanating from the resolution of Mr. Devassy. I hope Mr. Moothedan will not press the motion.

Mr. President: I may remind Hon'ble Members that that statement has been made by the present President a few minutes ago.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not think my Hon'ble friend Mr. Moothedan will expect any definite reply on the issues raised by him. According to me that question is quite beyond the purview of the motion that is moved. The Hon'ble Member will understand that this House, while the order passed by the ex-Minister was in existence, allotted a certain amount for the Uplift Department. Thus, Rs. 18,000 was granted by this House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* On a point of information, without interruption. There was no time for discussion of the budget.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* If it is such a burning question, you could have found time. The budget is passed and I am asking only for an additional allotment of Rs. 7,400. I do not think I must answer the other point. There is a resolution tabled by Mr. Devassy and the House can discuss that matter and come to a definite conclusion and then it will be up to the Government to consider. Again, I request the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the opposition, because I have already to pay Rs. 7,400 for the supply of school requisites already supplied to the students and I would request the House to grant this allotment.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 500 under "23—Ayurveda cost of medicines"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "23—Ayurveda—cost of medicines". In some villages in the Chittur, Talappalli and Trichur Taluks anti-malarial work has to be undertaken. Labourers employed in Chalakkudi Irrigation project have also to be supplied with anti-malarial specific. Quinine is unavailable in the market in the required quantities. Hence treatment for Malaria is being done on Ayurvedic lines. The Ayurvedic substitute is in fact much cheaper also. The anti-malarial specific has to be manufactured on a large scale and distributed in different places of the State according to demand. The cost involved for the purpose is Rs. 500. The item could not be anticipated at the time of the preparation of the budget. Reappropriation from other heads is also not possible. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "23 Ayurveda—Cost of Medicines" is necessary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is the medicine given free?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Through what agency?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Through Panchayats, Ayurveda Vaidyasalas, Municipalities, etc., and there is already a physician who will visit these places and give necessary advice.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 420 under "35—Uplift of the Depressed Classes—B. Educational—Maintenance of Depressed Class Hostels"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional

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allotment of Rs. 420 under "35—Uplift of the Depressed Classes—B. Educational—Maintenance of Depressed Class Hostels". Owing to the heavy rise in the prices of articles, the contractor for the supply of provisions to the Harijan Hostel, Ernakulam, ceased to supply provisions from 18th November 1942 and the mess is being run by a committee of management formed from among the boarders themselves. In view of the rise in the prices of all commodities it is necessary to raise the monthly dietary charges of Rs. 6 per boarder to Rs. 9. There are including the Superintendent 24 boarders and the additional expenditure necessary on this account will come to about Rs. 72 per month. Matters have come to the same position in the Harijan Girls' Hostel, Trichur also. Additional expenditure is necessary there also. Thus an additional allotment of Rs. 420 has become necessary. I request the House to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

4. Rs. 3,000 under "14 (1)—Telegraph charges"

5. Rs. 400 under "14 (1)—Postage charges"

6. Rs. 380 under "14 (1)—Livery and Clothing"

7. Rs. 370 under "14 (1)—Purchase and Repair of furniture"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, since item Nos. (4), (5), (6) and (7) in the Agenda pertain to 14 (1) General Administration, I may be permitted to move them together.

I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,000 under "14 (1) Telegraph Charges", Rs. 400 under "14 (1) Postage Charges", Rs. 380 under "14 (1) Liveries and Clothing" and Rs. 370 under "14 (1) Purchase and Repair of Furniture." Since the items are so evident no explanatory remarks are called for. I request the House may be pleased to grant the additional allotments.

Demand put and carried

8. Rs. 386 under "1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 386 under "I—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment". Renewal of the documents relating to the Sirkar Lands in the Palghat Taluk has been undertaken and the work could not be finished as anticipated. The period has therefore to be extended by two months more. The additional allotment asked for is to meet the establishment charges of that temporary establishment for two months. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Was there not an idea to sell all the Jenmam lands in the Palghat Taluk?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There was.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Were any lands sold?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The proposal was dropped.

Demand put and carried

9. Rs. 476 under "15—Finance and Accounts—Temporary Establishment"

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 476 under "15 Finance and Accounts—Temporary Establishment." Government have recently ordered a verification of the stock of the Central Medical Stores at Ernakulam and a Special Staff of one stock taking officer, two auditors and a peon is required for a period of two months for this purpose. There is no provision for this in the current year's budget and no savings are also available for re-appropriation. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 476 is necessary. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Medical Office has been audited in the year 1117?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, we have audited the office in 1117. The account books only have been audited.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is not verification of the stock an item of audit?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what are the special reasons why this verification was ordered?

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